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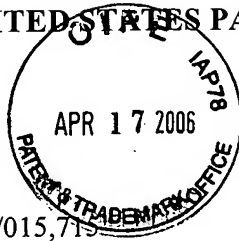
In re application of:

Wei-Qiang Gao, et al.

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For: **PRO1340 NUCLEIC ACIDS**



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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified Application had been allowed and the issue fee was paid on March 24, 2005. Applicants note that US Patent No. 7,033,786 is projected to be issued on April 25, 2006 according to the Issue Notification in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants previously submitted a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt on March 21, 2005, requesting that the Patent Office correct the priority data for the above-identified application. In response, Applicants have received a Corrected Filing Receipt, mailed on March 1, 2006, listing the correct priority data.

Subsequent to receipt of the corrected Filing Certificate and the payment of the issue fee, Applicants also received an Official Communication, mailed on March 28, 2006, from the Office of Petitions stating that Applicants' Request for Corrected Filing Receipt would be treated as a petition under 37 CFR §1.181 and the petition is dismissed.

In response to the Official Communication of March 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that Office of Petitions reconsider their decision based on the following arguments.